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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I strongly urge you to recommend to President Bush that Yucca Mountain be designated as the site of the national repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste.

I have watched the progress on the characterization of the site with interest for many years, at one point thinking that it was to be the next step in my career. (I was part of a team which unsuccessfully competed for the "gorilla" M&O contract in 1988.) For the last twelve years, I have provided executive direction for spent fuel storage at three nuclear utilities and am intimately familiar with the effort and cost required to provide secure wet storage. In addition, as is true for many of my peers, I am now engaged in creating storage space in the spent fuel pools by moving fuel assemblies into dry storage at ISFSIs. While the nuclear utilities have effectively handled the fuel storage issue to date, it is time for this nation to take the next step toward secure and permanent storage.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For the reasons cited above, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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